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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORTING

1. WEEKLY AL-ADHWAA IN ISSUE OF JANUARY 15 REPORTED INTENTION TO PUBLISH SERIALY QUOTE STUDY...BY LIBRARY OF US CONGRESS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CONGRESS FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE...(DEALING) WITH POSSIBILITIES OF OCCUPYING OIL FIELDS IN MIDDLE EAST AND REGARDING THEM AS MILITARY TARGET. ...STUDY WAS MADE AFTER THE FREQUENT REITERATION OF THREATS BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS UNDER FORD'S ADMINISTRATION. THE THREATS WERE TO OCCUPY THE ARAB STATES' OIL WELLS IN THE EVENT OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE UNDERGOING 'AN ECONOMIC STRANGULATION' AS A RESULT OF OIL BEING USED AS A POLITICAL WEAPON OR AS A MEANS OF PRESSURE SO AS TO REALIZE POLITICAL GAINS FOR THE ARABS' MAJOR CAUSE, I.E., THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE. THE STUDY, WHICH WAS COMPLETED ON 21ST AUGUST 1975, AND LATER PUBLISHED, WAS CARRIED OUT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, MR. THOMAS E. MORGAN. THE STUDY WAS COMPLETED 'IN ORDER TO BE AVAILABLE TO CONGRESSMEN FOR PROPER DECISION MAKING AND FOR ASSESSING THE US POLICY IN THE EVENT THAT THE UNITED STATES EMBARKS ON ANY MILITARY ACTION AGAINST THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES SHOULD THEY ENDEAVOUR TO IMPOSE AN OIL EMBARGO... OR REDUCE THEIR PRODUCTION FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. UNQUOTE

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2. THIS SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FOR NORMALLY FRIENDLY AND QUIESCENT LOCAL PUBLISHER (MAHMOUD AL-MARDI, ALSO OWNER OF DAILY AKHBAR AL-KHALIJ WHICH NOW PUBLISHING PRESIDENT CARTER'S "WHY NOT THE BEST.") POST/EMBASSY AS YET DO NOT KNOW SOURCE THROUGH WHICH STUDY OBTAINED.
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